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"I was content to get my regular political fiction fix from **THE WEST WING**. Then I discovered **EAGLE**."

—James Lacey Jones, Savantmag.com

Everyone from *U.S. News & World Report* to the dedicated comics press has hailed *Eagle*, and Kapu Kawaguchi's bold use of the graphic novel format to portray the race for the ultimate in *opol* power. A best-selling creator of provocative political thriller novels in Japan who counts amongst his readers senior members of the governments in Japan and Taiwan, Kawaguchi now turns his imagination to look across the Pacific in *Eagle*. In this, Kawaguchi's vision of the 2000 election (that should have been, the darkest of dark horses), is Senator Kenneth Yamazaki, a third-generation Japanese-American who saves the country and the world by deciding to challenge the Vice-President for the Democratic nomination!

Japanese reporter Takashi Jo has learned many things about the scheming, charismatic, idealistic, and haunted Senator, but there is one secret they keep to themselves. He's Takashi's father, from a brief affair he had in Okinawa as a soldier on the way to Vietnam. Yamazaki survived a buyout there, returning home to attend Yale, become a crusading attorney, and even marry into the old-money Hampton banking dynasty. Takashi, whose own mother Tomiko died under mysterious circumstances, sees them as a kind of shadow family. Patricia, the Senator's wife—who, unknown to Takashi, also knows who he really is, Alex, the natural son created under the achievements of his father, and Rachel, the adopted daughter, to whom Takashi is growing increasingly close. Tonight is the eve of the New York Primary, and during the candidates' debate, ambush awaits both the Senator and his secret son. As they take a taxi home, Takashi and Rachel are stalked by an angry drunk with a pronounced distaste for the Yamazakis. And on the cab radio, they listen as Vice-President Nash exposes to a nationwide conference a seemingly shonky flip-flop in the Senator's politics.

A view on American politics you won't get anywhere else. Provocative parallels today's headlines and the real Campaign 2000, *Eagle* is a story that continues an insider's deal with an outsider's perspective on the *opol* contest for President. Follow *Eagle* all the way to the White House!



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Report #33

**The Debate
(Second Half)**























I DID MAKE
A MISTAKE, AL...
BUT THE MAN
WHO MADE THE
MISTAKE WASN'T
THE SENATOR.
WORKING TO REPEAL
THE SPECIAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION
ACT.

THE MAN
WHO MADE THE
MISTAKE WAS
KENNETH
KAMAKURA.
THE LAWYER...
WHEN I
SUPPORTED
THE ACT IN
THE FIRST
PLACE!









YES, AL, I'M A TRIAL LAWYER! AND I BELIEVE IN THE LAW TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE! BUT I THOUGHT THAT PASSING LAWS WAS AN END.



...BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT AT BEST, THERE'S A BEGINNING! AND ALL TOO OFTEN THE SPIRIT OF A SQUABBLE THAT NEVER ENDS? LAWS THAT BENEFIT LAW FIRM AND ONLY RAISELY THE PEOPLE!



SIG!

NATIONAL RATINGS ARE OVER 60% / IN NEW YORK IT'S...



SHUT UP! I'M TRYING TO LISTEN!



I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK UNDERSTOOD WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO WHEN THEY RETURNED ME TO THE SENATE AFTER I VOTED TO REPEAL THE ACT.

AND I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL FOR UNDERSTANDING THAT I'M A MAN WHO'S MADE MISTAKES... AND IS WILLING TO TRY COMMON SENSE TO FIX THEM... EVEN IF IT HAS MEANT SOMETHING GOING AGAINST MY OWN PARTY.

IT
MIGHT
COME
TO
THAT
AGAIN,
BECAUSE
I HAVE
THINGS
TO MAKE
UP FOR!

AND IF YOU
WANT TO SEND ME
TO THE WHITE HOUSE,
I'LL REMEMBER
EVERY DAY AS
A LAWYER, AS A
POLITICIAN, AS
PRESIDENT,
I OWE YOU—THE
**AMERICAN
PEOPLE!**

YAMAOKA









WAAAAH





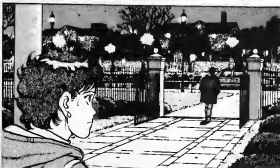












In the Moment

Report #34







WAX
WHY CAN'T
YOU JUST
BE UP-
FRONT
WITH HER?



YOU'VE
WANTED
HER
EVER
SINCE
YOU
MET!



YOU KNOW
FIRST
YOU'RE IN
LOVE WITH
HER!



YOU
STILL
CAN'T
GET PAST
THE
FACT
THAT...



...SHE'S
YAMAOKA'S
ADOPTED
DAUGHTER?





Every
time
we
get
closer.

...I
turn
away
like
I'm
afraid.



I
must
be
trying
to run...

...from
the
hold
Yamada
has on
me.



Is
that
how
you
want
it,
Takashi?



You're
going to
to let
him govern
you...and
I'm
right?
Right?

Pretend
she
doesn't
have
any
feelings?









GOTTA RUN!



I'm
free
from
Yamaoka!!

No matter
what
anyone's
going
to say,
I LOVE
YOU,
RACHEL!





















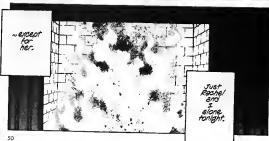
*I
don't
care
anymore.*



*I don't
care about
the top
story or
the dining
or the
exposed.*



*I don't
care
about
anything
in the
world....*



*... except
for
her.*

*Just
Rachel
and
I
alone
tonight.*

I
don't
want to
think
about
tomorrow.

and
if
it
doesn't
come...

and you...

...it
would
be
all
right.

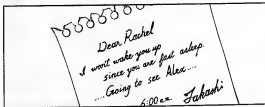




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Intruder









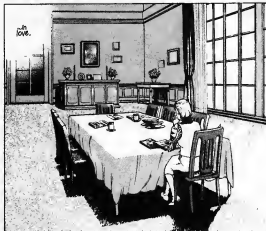






you
look
so
pretty











HOW
ARE
YOU
FEELING?



MUCH
BETTER,
THANKS.



TAKE
IT
EASY,
THOUGH.

I'M
FINE.
BESIDES,
WE CAN'T
LOSE
ON
HONG
KONG
GROUND.







LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN,
FAMILY AND GUESTS...
HERE THIS EVENING...
WE'VE JUST
RECEIVED THE
FINAL TALLY OF
THE DEMOCRATIC
PRIMARY FOR
THE GREAT
STATE OF
NEW YORK!

GOVERNOR
WILLIAM
GOLDBLUM,
2.4%
CONGRESSMAN
RUFUS HODGEMAN,
11.8%
VICE-PRESIDENT
ALBERT
NOON, JR.,
48.4%













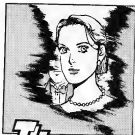








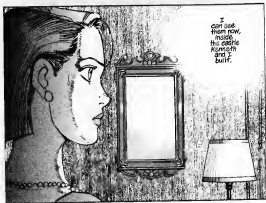




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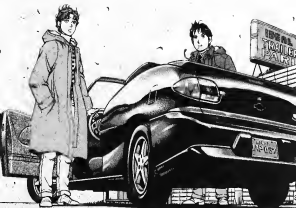
The
seed you
planted
is spreading
its roots
here.





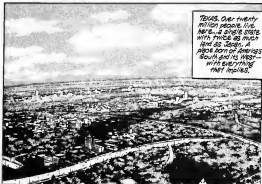
Mirage

Report #36









Texas. Over twenty million people live here... a single state with twice as much land as Japan. A piece born of America's South and its West— with everything that implies.



As a kind of advance party, Archie and I left for Dallas a day earlier than the rest of the staff.



WHAT? HOW? THEY EVER GIVE YOU A DAY OFF?



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I ACTUALLY PUT IN OVERTIME.

It's my only day off from the campaign...



IT'S
AMAZING.
PEOPLE
ACTUALLY
CROSSED
THE PLAINS
ON
HORSES.



IS IT
WAS-IT FOR
THE KENNEDY
ASSASSINATION,
I DON'T THINK
THE JAPANESE
WOULD EVEN
KNOW ABOUT
DALLAS.

THEY
HAVE A
MUSEUM
ABOUT IT ON
ELM STREET
CALLED
"THE SIXTY
FLOOR."



THERE'S
SOMETHING
TODAY!



KIND
OF COMES
UP LIKE
A
MIRAGE
DOESN'T
IT?





PEOPLE
STILL
ASSOCIATE
TEXAS
WITH
CATTLE
AND OIL,
BUT...

...IN RECENT
DECADES
IT'S BEEN
TRANSFORMED
INTO A
CENTER OF
HIGH-TECH
INDUSTRY AND
MEDICINE.



THE
STATE
FLAG
IS
THE 'LONE
STAR'.

PEOPLE
HERE STILL
FEEL
INDEPENDENT
ESPECIALLY
FROM THE
EAST COAST.



ALSO...
THERE'S AN
ENORMOUS
BORDER
IT
SHARES
WITH
MEXICO,
SO...

...OVER
A
QUARTER
OF
THE
POPULATION
IS
HISPANIC.



ILLEGAL
IMMIGRANTS
FLOOD IN
ACROSS
THE
RIO
GRANDE.











I WAS
JUST
FORTUNATE
ENOUGH
TO BE
ADOPTED
BY THE
KIMACHAS.



I WENT
BE LIVING
SOMEWHERE IN
MIAMI, ALWAYS
STARRING ACROSS
THE SEA
AT CUBA
WITH MY
BACK TO
AMERICA.

I COULD
EASILY HAVE
BEEN ONE
OF THOSE
GANGS... STILL
LOOKING BACK
ACROSS THE
BORDER.



BUT
I WAS
LUCKY...
VERY
VERY
LUCKY.

I
HAVE
TO DO
SOMETHING
FOR
THESE
PEOPLE.



I...



I DON'T
WANT
THEM
TO LOOK
AT
THIS
COUNTRY
...



After
California,
Texas
has the
largest
number of
nominating
delegates



Winning
Texas
in the
upcoming
Super
Tuesday
primaries

TAH
TAH



...
will be
absolutely
crucial
to the
Yamaka
campaign.

TAH
TAH



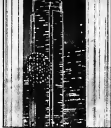
But in this
conservative
state, winning the
general election as
a Democrat, let
alone one who
happens to be
Japanese-American,
seems like an
impossible task.

TAH

TAH

















I
LOVE
YOU







Report #37

Texas Spirit

SPINLESS
BASTARD!



LOPE!

WLOP



WLOP



MORNING, SIR.

HOW WAS YOUR RIDE, MR. TAYLOR?

JUST FINE, SART.

CHUNK

BUT OUR OTHER HORSE JUST BROKE A LEG.

TIME TO CHANGE THE GAME PLAN.

CHUNK

NOW,
THERE
MUST BE
ONE OUT
THERE WHO
CAN DO THE
DISTANCE.

PRIMARY'S
IN FOUR
DAYS,
SIR.



VROOM



WE
BACKED
OUR
FRIENDS
IN NEVADA
ALL WE
COULD,
BUT...

WE
JUST
DIDN'T
HAVE
WHAT IT
TAKES...
TO BE
PRESIDENT.



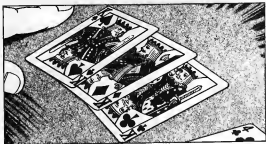
RRRAAUM











"RICHARD GRANT FLEW A HUNDRED COMBAT MISSIONS OVER VIETNAM... WENT INTO NASA... WALKED ON THE MOON..."

"CORPORATE LEADER IN STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE... POLITICAL CAREER EMERGED AS A HIGH-PROFILE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR DURING THE GULF WAR..."

ad stool
Needle,
genera-
sweep

ous ef-
Bureau
which
is area
ated. "I
to do it,
y being
e rainy

Men
reaching
which
economy
"This
business
States,
Sinal,
Decision
most a
are per
low us
there is
income
market

SIXTY-
EIGHT YEARS
OLD AND
THEY'RE
SAYIN' THEY
MIGHT
SEND HIM
UP AGAIN
IN THE
SHUTTLE..."

"AND
THEY'RE
SAYIN' THEY
WILL
NOMINATE
HIM FOR
PRESIDENT
AT THE
REPUBLICAN
CONVENTION..."

"LAST
OF THE
BAGGERS"
IS
WHAT
THEY'RE
CALLIN' GRANT..."

"AND
WE SURE
AS HELL
AIN'T
GOT NO
HORSES
LIKE
HIM!"



...I DON'T WANT NO PART OF THIS RACE!





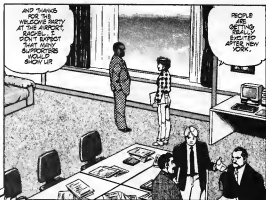




















YOU
KNOW
THE
PLACE
WHERE
ALL THE
LOCAL
RANCHERS
GOT?

CHNK



?!



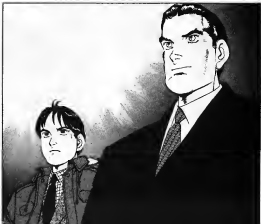
"LOCAL?"

THE
LOCAL RANCHES
ARE PRETTY
DOWN BUT
WESTER THERE'S
A PLACE, ALL
RIGHT, BUT
IT'S TWO
HOURS FROM
DOWNTOWN.



We're not going
to get there before
midnight... and he's
got to be up by
five in the morning.
Whatever this place
is, I get the feeling
he's not going there
for the food, but
the atmosphere.



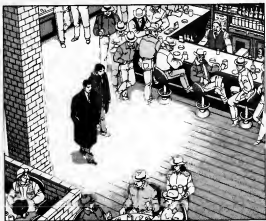




The Star Cafe
(First Course)













MUST
BE REAL
HEARTY
EATIN' FOR
ONE A' YOU
LOW-CAL,
HIGH
FIBER
EAST
COAST
GENTLEMEN.

YOU
GONNA
BE
UP
FOR
ANOTHER
SERVING?
UNLESS...







NOW I BET YOU
THOUGHT I
COULDN'T SAY
YEE. LAWYER'S
GUTS NAME DON'T
SIT IT? YEE.
*(SUCCEEDED, RECOVERED
ONE-ARM AND OTHER THINGS
AND LANCE OUTSIDE...)*







WHEN
YOU WIND UP
I ASK
YOU
SOMETHING,
THEN?

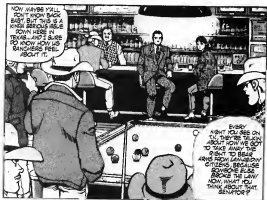


SURELY



NOW, THERE'S
JUST BEEN
ONE LITTLE
THING
THAT'S BEEN
BUGGIN' ME
ABOUT
YOU, MR.
RAYMOND.





Gun control has recently become a controversial issue for presidential candidates.



For better or worse, guns are part of America. They've stood here for many things.

Freedom... independence... justice... courage... pride. For them, particularly for those in the South and West...



...the gun symbolizes their pioneer spirit. It is part of their cultural history.

Backing them up is the National Rifle Association. The gun lobby is a powerful entity for a candidate to have. But if that same candidate passively accepts the status quo on guns...



...he invites the charge that he's not taking measures against their use in violent crime in America. It could be a no-win issue. Better perhaps to try and avoid it entirely.

THAT'S RIGHT, AS YOU SAY...



I HAVEN'T MENTIONED THIS ISSUE.

NOT BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO AVOID IT, THOUGH.















